

Kentucky Information Resources Management Commission
Minutes
April 29, 1996

MEMBERS: Chairman Chris Clark, Charles Anderson, Jim Nelson, Stephen Dooley, Nancy Ward, Jerry Frantz, Ken Smith, Deborah Patterson and Sally Hamilton for Virginia Fox

STAFF: Douglas Robinson, Executive Director of KIRM; Melissa Lamb, Shirley Rodgers and Jessamine Saufley

CAC MEMBERS: Chairman Ron Moore

GIAC MEMBERS: Chairman William Bowdy

GUESTS: Susan Carson Lambert, OGIS and Charles Robb, KLDA

The Kentucky Information Resources Management Commission convened at 1:30 p.m., at 1024 Capital Center Drive, Suite 305, Frankfort, Kentucky. Chairman Clark opened the meeting by welcoming William Bowdy, Chairman of the Geographic Information Advisory Council, who has been recovering from a hospital stay.

The March 14, 1996, meeting minutes were approved as distributed.

Chairman Clark stated that the primary purpose of the Commission meeting is to review and approve the Research and Development grant finalists. He asked Melissa Lamb to briefly explain the review process and present the finalists for discussion and approval. Ms. Lamb stated that the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Communications Advisory Council (CAC), the Geographic Information Advisory Council (GIAC), and representatives of the Department of Education, the Department for Information Systems, the Department for Libraries and Archives and others participated in the review of 41 grant proposals and the R&D Committee selected eight finalists. She added that the Review Committee initially assigned a value of high, medium and low to each of the 41 proposals to determine the finalists. Ms. Lamb stated that the projects were rated by the following criteria: problems/opportunity definition; experience; partnerships; sustainability; scope/impact; technical quality and evaluation/dissemination.

After final ranking, Ms. Lamb contacted each finalist to request that proposals be revisited for possible adjustment in the requested dollars in order to maximize the number of beneficiaries from the Research and Development grant process. She added that the anticipated time line for the projects is twelve months.

Chairman Clark asked Melissa Lamb to present the eight finalists to the Commission. The finalists were presented as denoted on the attached summary sheets.

Chairman Clark opened the floor to discuss each project as it was presented. Member Jerry Frantz said he had considerable concern regarding the proposal submitted by the Bluegrass Area Development District for a digital economic development map. He said the BGADD contacted the Economic Development Cabinet only several days before the KIRM meeting to seek support and a partnership with the Cabinet. He said the

Cabinet declined to partner on the project given the brief notice and because of concerns regarding the "copy" quality of the digital maps. A detailed discussion of the issue followed with members agreeing to have Doug Robinson set up a meeting between representatives of BGADD and the Economic Development Cabinet to pursue an agreement favorable to both parties. Members requested this meeting occur before the next KIRM meeting. Before a final vote was taken on the projects, member Nancy Ward also requested that the Commission take every precaution to ensure that each grantee is accountable for the grant funds. Mr. Robinson said the accountability issues would be detailed in the memorandum of agreement signed by each grantee. After the discussion, Chairman Clark called for a vote on each individual project, which is denoted below:

PROJECTS	STATUS
"LaRue County Community Net Access"	Approved
"GIS-Based Assessment System in Garrard County"	Approved Nancy Ward abstained William Bowdy abstained
"Digital Economic Development Directory"	Motion to defer approval until next meeting subject to negotiations by the Economic Development Cabinet
"KET Distance Learning Internet Project"	Approved Charles Anderson abstained Sally Hamilton abstained
"Kentucky Community Webways"	Approved
"An IntraNet"	Approved Steve Dooley abstained
"KIH Last Mile:Owensboro Community Networking"	Approved Steve Dooley abstained
"Access for Deaf and Hard of Hearing"	Approved

Chairman Clark thanked everyone who participated in the grant review process and Commission members for their consideration.

Chairman Clark asked Ron Moore, Chair of CAC, to provide a report to Commission. Chairman Moore stated that the next CAC meeting is set for Friday, May 10, 1996. He added that Ginni Fox, Executive Director of Kentucky Educational Television (KET), has been invited to provide a progress report on the transition of the Kentucky TeleLinking Network (KTLN) to KET; the status of KTLN year two; and to discuss the role that CAC will play in the future of KTLN. Chairman Moore added that representatives from BellSouth have also been invited to discuss local access to the Kentucky Information Highway (KIH).

Chairman Clark asked William Bowdy, Chair of GIAC, to provide a report to the Commission. Chairman Bowdy announced that Susan Carson Lambert was appointed by Secretary John McCarty as the new Executive Director of the Office of Geographic Information Systems. He also stated that the upcoming GIS Conference "Managing Assets Through Integrated Technology" will be held at Commonwealth Convention Center in Louisville, June 16-18th, with pre-conference workshops being held on June 16th. He concluded by stating that the conference is being sponsored by GIAC, FHWA southeast Local Roads Program, and the KY Chapter American Public Works Association.

Chairman Clark asked Douglas Robinson, Executive Director of the Office for KIRM, to update the Commission on the recent activities of the KIRM office. Mr. Robinson announced that the RFP for Empower Kentucky was released on April 15th, and the KIRM Office is responsible for the documentation library. Mr. Robinson stated that approximately ten vendors have either visited the library or contacted the office for additional information. He added that he and his staff are in the process of making the 1996-98 Information Resource Plans (IRP) available electronically through the KIRM homepage on the Internet to assist vendors and to provide others with access to this information. Mr. Robinson reported that the RFP Offeror's Conference was held on April 25th, and that the Empower contract will be awarded on June 21, 1996. Mr. Robinson concluded his report by updating the Commission on the program transition of KTLN to KET, which is scheduled for May 1, 1996.

Chairman Clark stated that the Transportation Cabinet submitted an amendment to their current IRP related to GPS technology which has been approved. Jim Nelson informed the Commission about the Eastern Kentucky Leadership Conference which was held April 26-27 in Hazard.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.